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List of Parishes in the Council's Area.

Addington	Marsh Gibbon
Adstock	Middle Claydon
Akeley	Padbury
Barton Hartshorne	Poundon
Beachampton	Preston Bissett
Biddlesden	Radclive-cum-Chackmore
Charndon	Shalstone
Chetwode	Steeple Claydon
Edgcott	Stowe
Foxcote	Thornborough
Hillesden	Thornton
Leckhampstead	Tingewick
Lillingstone Dayrell	Turweston
Lillingstone Lovell	Twyford
Luffield Abbey	Water Stratford
Maids Moreton	Westbury

1966

BUCKINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Chairman of Council:

W. E. WHITEHEAD, ESQ.

General Purposes Committee

Chairman:

D. A. STRAY, ESQ.

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Public Health Staff

Medical Officer of Health:

P. LAVIS, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

(The Medical Officer of Health is also M.O.H. for Buckingham M.B., the Urban Districts of Bletchley, Newport Pagnell and Wolverton, the Rural Districts of Newport Pagnell and Winslow, Area Medical Officer for North Bucks and Divisional School Medical Officer for the North Bucks Division and the Buckingham and Winslow District).

Deputy Medical Officer of Health:

J. P. HUTCHBY, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.

Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector:

J. C. SHARPE, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector and Deputy:

K. E. RICHARDSON, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Second Additional Public Health Inspector:

T. J. AYRES, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Administrative Assistant:

C. H. BRAY.

BUCKINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL OFFICES,
SCHOOL LANE,
BUCKINGHAM.

21st April, 1967

To the Chairman and Members of Buckingham Rural District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1966.

Vital Statistics

The figures vary little from the previous year. They represent a population with health standards well up to the Country's norm.

Infectious Diseases

A variety of the common childhood infections invaded the area: chicken pox and mumps in particular. More troublesome was a german measles (rubella) outbreak that caused me some concern in view of the risk of this apparently mild condition to the expectant mother at the beginning of her pregnancy. There are a number of children in the area severely handicapped as a result of this ante-natal exposure and an effort was made to try and ensure that women in the first four months of their pregnancy who were in contact with rubella, went to their private doctors. The publicity given was much wider than anticipated but it seems that many women did accept the advice and were given appropriate preventative treatment by their doctors. A follow up study has been arranged so that any who missed this treatment and who gave birth to babies "at risk" are screened for defects and offered appropriate help early.

Health Education

The main theme for 1966 was “Safety in the Home” which included poison hazards and home accidents. A special effort was also made to encourage school-children (and their parents) on the value of “Foot Health”.

A most encouraging report was received from the Ministry of Health showing survey data that the amount of smoking among adolescents was falling and that there had been a substantial drop in the proportion of cigarette smokers in men and women in recent years. It will, of course, take some time for this to be reflected in any fall in lung cancer deaths or heart and bronchitis morbidity but one can feel that the effort put into anti-smoking propaganda is not entirely submerged by the advertising agents appeal to “carry on smoking”.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. LAVIS.

SECTION A.

Vital Statistics.

	1965	1966
Area (in acres)	54,543	54,543
Population	9,590	9,700
Number of Inhabited Houses . .	2,886	2,955
Rateable Value at 31.12.66 . .	£317,080	£324,433
Rate Poundage at 31.3.67 . .	9/8	10/10
Estimated 1d. Rate at 31.3.67	£1,228/-/-	£1260/-/-
Births:		
Legitimate—Males	86	76
„ Females . .	55	80
Illegitimate—Males	3	5
„ Females . .	3	7
Birth rate per 1000 population		
(adjusted)	19.4	22.0
Do. (Bucks.)	19.6	18.9
Do. (England & Wales)	18.1	17.7
Deaths—Males	49	50
„ Females	30	41
Death rate per 1000 population		
(adjusted)	8.9	10.2
Do. (Bucks)	8.9	9.2
Do. (England & Wales)	11.5	11.7
Maternal Deaths	1	Nil
Infant Mortality Rate		
Deaths of Infants under 1 year		
of age per 1000 live births	27.2	6.0
Ditto for Bucks. . . .	14.9	15.9
Ditto for England & Wales	19.0	19.0
Still Births	Nil	4

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH:	1965			1966		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Cancer:						
Stomach	1	0	1	2	2	4
Lung, Bronchus ...	5	0	5	7	2	9
Breast	0	1	1	0	0	0
Others	5	4	9	7	3	10
Vascular lesions of the nervous system ...	3	3	6	1	7	8
Heart disease	20	10	30	17	10	27
Other circulatory disease ...	2	1	3	2	4	6
Pneumonia	2	1	3	4	4	8
Bronchitis	2	0	2	2	2	4
Congenital malformations ...	3	0	3	0	0	0
Accidents—Motor Vehicle	1	0	1	2	2	4
Others	0	1	1	0	1	1
All other causes	5	9	14	6	4	10
	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	49	30	79	50	41	91
	—	—	—	—	—	—

INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

Notifications during the year:

Measles	91
Tuberculosis	3

SECTION B.

Personal Health Services

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Administered by Bucks County Council from the Aylesbury Station. North Bucks Station at Bletchley.

HOSPITALS

Under the Oxford Regional Hospital Board. Patients are treated at Buckingham, Aylesbury and Oxford. Outpatient facilities are available at Buckingham for: general surgery, orthopaedic surgery, chest diseases, ear, nose and throat and ophthalmology.

LABORATORY

Walton Street, Oxford (Telephone 49231).

DISTRICT NURSING/MIDWIFERY

The area is served by seven full and two part-time nurses. Area Superintendent: Mrs. Riley (at Area Health Office).

HEALTH VISITING

This work is shared by the district nurses and two full time Health visitors based at Verney Close, Buckingham (Telephone 3395). Area Superintendent: Mrs. D. L. Marrett (at Area Health Office).

SOCIAL WORKERS (Medical, Welfare, Blind, Mental Health):

Area Officer: Mr. P. K. Smith at Area Health Office. (Telephone Bletchley 2507).

HOME HELP SERVICE

Area Organiser—Mrs. H. R. L. Sephton. Assistant Organiser: (Buckingham-Winslow Area)—Mrs. V. A. Haughey (Telephone Bletchley 2507).

CHILD WELFARE CLINICS

Held at:

Buckingham.	Lillingstone Dayrell.	Thornton.
Steeple Claydon.	Maids Moreton.	Tingewick.
Akeley.	Preston Bissett.	Twyford.
Adstock.	Shalstone.	Westbury.
Calvert.	Thornborough.	Dadford.
Leckhampstead.		

DENTAL CLINIC

Verney Close, Buckingham and Bletchley. Treatment offered to children and expectant mothers.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Area Organiser—Miss G. Hanmer at Area Health Office, Bletchley.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

Administered from Area Health Office. This includes arrangements for the examination of pupils in accordance with the Education Act, ascertainment of handicap and advising appropriate treatment. Vaccination and immunisation against diphtheria, poliomyelitis, tetanus and tuberculosis is carried out.

TRAINING CENTRES (for the “Ineducable”)

Adult and Junior in Bletchley.

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SECTION C.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

1. WATER SUPPLY

The Bucks Water Board, of which your Council is a constituent authority, continued to supply every Parish with water.

The Engineer and Manager of the Bucks Water Board has supplied the following information:—

(a) Mains extensions were carried out at:—

Bull Lane, Steeple Claydon—2" diameter	71 yards
Padbury Rd., Steeple Claydon—3" diameter	42 yards
Clements Lane, Marsh Gibbon—3" diameter	27 yards
The Gardens, Adstock—3" diameter ...	150 yards
Radcliffe—4" diameter	666 yards
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TOTAL	956 yards
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In addition to the above, a further 4,200 yards of 12" reinforcement main between Buckingham and Brackley passing through the Council's area was laid during the year.

(b) The total amount of water pumped from the Foxcote Pumping Station during 1966 was 673,411,000 gallons, averaging 1.845 million gallons per day.

At this station, water is pumped from the River to Foxcote Reservoir and the service reservoir and gravitates to the treatment works. The water is super-chlorinated, coagulated with powdered slate and ferrous sulphate, filtered through rapid gravity sand filters and carbon filters for taste removal and finally re-chlorinated before being pumped into supply.

During the last 12 months, standby generating equipment has been provided against electricity failure, additional carbon filters have been installed and additional boosting plant provided to reinforce the supply in the Maids Moreton area.

Sampling—Main Supply.

(a)	Quantity—satisfactory.	
(b)	Quality—satisfactory.	
(c)	1. Samples taken from supply (which fell into Class I of Ministry of Health's grading) ...	2
	2. Samples taken from mixed supply i.e. partly main supply and partly private supply and found upon analysis to be satisfactory ...	1
	3. Samples taken from storage tanks and found to be satisfactory	3
(d)	Estimated number of premises connected to mains supply	2,817
(e)	Estimated number of population served by mains supply	9,561
(f)	Number of premises connected to the Board's mains during the year	89

Sampling—Other Sources.

(a)	Samples taken	9
(b)	Samples found upon analysis to be satisfactory	3
(c)	Samples found upon analysis to be unfit (in these cases informal action was taken with the owners of the property concerned to provide a wholesome supply).	6

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS

The cleaning out of part of the Lillingstone Lovell Brook was carried out jointly with the County Council. The winter rains flushed out the brook but conditions still give rise to complaint during the summer months when there is no water in the stream.

A contribution was also made towards the cost of cleaning out the polluted ditch at Edgcott.

The Council continued to maintain sections of ditches which are polluted by sewage effluent in order to keep nuisance to a minimum.

The Internal Drainage Board made satisfactory progress in cleaning and dredging a number of water-courses within their jurisdiction.

3. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Existing Schemes in operation:—

Chackmore	completed in 1939
Steeple Claydon	completed in 1939.
Tingewick	completed during War by the War Department. Taken over by the Council in 1949. Extended by War Department in 1956.
Thornborough	completed in 1953.
Marsh Gibbon	completed in 1956.
Adstock and Padbury.	completed in 1959.
Akeley	completed in 1960.
Twyford	completed in 1963.
Maids Moreton (part)	completed in 1964.

Sewage Effluents.—Details of samples of final effluent taken from the various Disposal Works during the year are as follows:—

<i>Disposal Works</i>	<i>Solids in Suspension</i>	<i>B.O.D.</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Westbury	156	205	Very unsatisfactory
Thornborough 1st sample	12	5	Satisfactory
Thornborough 2nd sample	13	12	Satisfactory
Padbury	56	35	Unsatisfactory
Twyford 1st sample ...	10	9	Satisfactory
Twyford 2nd sample ...	11	6	Very satisfactory
Akeley	25	7	Satisfactory
Steeple Claydon 1st sample	57	42	Unsatisfactory
Steeple Claydon 2nd sample	23	8	Satisfactory
Tingewick	7	5	Very satisfactory
Hillesden (Hamlet) 1st sample	96	21	Unsatisfactory
Hillesden (Hamlet) 2nd sample	18	11	Satisfactory
Water Stratford 1st sample	224	750	Polluted by silage
Water Stratford 2nd sample	22	5	Satisfactory
Hillesden (Church End) ...	44	22	Unsatisfactory
Chackmore	10	10	Satisfactory

Schemes in Progress.—The Charndon scheme progressed satisfactorily and by the end of the year the majority of the works had been completed and the disposal plant and pumping station put into operation.

Future Schemes.—Trial holes were put down in respect of the Preston Bissett, Westbury and Shalstone schemes.

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government advised the Council that they were prepared to approve the schemes as revised (following a report by their Engineering Inspector) and authorised the invitation of tenders.

The revised scheme makes provision for the pumping of sewage from Shalstone to Westbury for treatment at a joint works.

The Council's Consulting Engineers were requested to report on the existing scheme at Steeple Claydon which was installed many years ago and on measures required to be taken to

- (a) Improve the effluent to Royal Commission Standard;
- (b) Augment the existing pumping arrangements, and
- (c) Provide for the planned expansion of the village.

The Engineers report was considered by the Council who decided to defer further consideration until the report on the planned expansion of the village is available.

Cathodic Protection of Sewers.—A maintenance inspection was carried out on the Cathodic Protection System installed at Akeley and found to be satisfactory.

Trade Effluents.—The number of consents in force are as follows:—

Discharge of effluent from farms ... 20

Discharge of effluent from slaughterhouses 2

Re-assessments of charges were made during the year in respect of 3 farm premises.

4. WATER CLOSETS

During the year 78 water closets were installed by the owners of private properties as follows:—

New premises	...	...	...	...	31
Existing premises	...	...	...	...	47

5. PUBLIC CLEANSING

Collection.—Every Parish within the District received a weekly kerbside collection of household refuse throughout the year and a satisfactory service was maintained.

Arrangements are made to collect dustbins from the rear of dwellings where the occupants are aged, infirm or disabled.

Special collections of household refuse are also made without charge.

The Council authorised the purchase of a new 35 cu.yd. Shelvoke & Drewry Pakamatic vehicle to replace a Dennis Paxit Machine. This was delivered and put into commission in December.

Disposal.—All refuse collected was disposed of by tipping in a disused claypit at Calvert which is rented by the Council from the London Brick Company Ltd.

The disposal of approximately 2,250 tons of household refuse which was collected in the District during the year caused no real problem. The greatest difficulty was obtaining suitable supplies of covering material, which have to be imported from outside the District.

Regular inspections and treatments for rodents were carried out during the year. The tip face was also sprayed at frequent intervals with insecticides to keep fly nuisance to a minimum.

Dustbins.—

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|-----|---|-----|-----|-----|
| (a) | Dustbins provided for the first time by the Council during the year ... | ... | ... | 46 |
| (b) | Replacement bins provided by the Council during the year ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| (c) | Total number of bins on hire as at 31.12.66 (for which an annual charge of 7s. 6d. is made) ... | ... | ... | 355 |

Trade Refuse.—Regular weekly collections of trade refuse were made from two small factory premises and charges for this amounted to £72.

Salvage.—The total income from the sale of waste paper and scrap iron during the year amounted to £72.

Cesspool and Septic Tank Cleansing.—Septic tanks and cesspools owned by the Council were cleansed at four monthly intervals during the year, the work being carried out by way of contract.

6. SCHOOLS

Works of repair and re-decoration have again been carried out during the year by the County Education Committee at several village schools.

Work commenced on the new Primary School at Westbury.

7. SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in the Rural District but rural residents in the summertime, as well as school children, used the open air one in the Borough of Buckingham.

8. RODENT CONTROL

Work during the year by the rodent operative has again been carried out in a satisfactory manner:—

Work of Inspection and Control

(a)	Number of complaints received	...	...	...	106
(b)	Number of Properties inspected and visits carried out	...	...	...	1055
(c)	Number of properties found infested with rats	...	...	...	415
(d)	Number of properties found infested with mice	...	...	...	29

The revenue derived from treatment of business premises during the year amounted to £159 4s. 0d.

9. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

This Act places a duty on occupiers of offices, shops and railway premises to make application for registration of premises to the appropriate Authority.

Premises registered are as follows:—

Offices	...	...	...	3
Retail Shops	...	...	...	7
Wholesale Warehouses	...	...	...	1
Catering Establishments	...	...	...	1
Number of Inspections carried out	...	...	...	5
Number of Contraventions	...	...	...	5

10. FACTORIES ACT 1961.

The table below shows the position during 1966 as far as work-places and factories are concerned and the inspections made for purposes as to health and sanitation,

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors) :

<i>Premises</i> (1)	<i>Number on Register</i> (2)	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspections</i> (3)	<i>Written Notices</i> (4)	<i>Occupier prosecuted</i> (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	2	1	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	22	20	2	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total ...	24	21	2	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found :—

<i>Particulars</i> (1)	<i>Number of cases in which defects were found</i>				<i>Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</i> (6)
	<i>Found</i> (2)	<i>Remedied</i> (3)	<i>Referred To H.M. Inspector</i> (4)	<i>By H.M. Inspector</i> (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1) ...	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...					
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the act (not including offences relating to Outwork). ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total ...	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil

Part VIII of The Act—Outwork (Sections 110 and 111):—

Persons engaged in Wigmaking	...	...	...	1
Persons engaged in Soap Packing	...	...	...	11

11. THE CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.

Number of Site Licences issued	...	...	...	5
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	50
Nuisances found to exist	...	...	...	—

12. DRAINAGE

During the year alterations and the relaying of defective drainage systems were carried out at 53 existing premises.

Thirteen septic tanks, serving eighteen dwellings were constructed during the year.

Number of New drains examined...	...	...	108
Number of visits for that purpose	...	...	228
Number of W.C.'s installed	...	...	78
Number of new soil and ventilating pipes installed	...	...	54

13. PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS 1928 AND 1936.

Number of Petroleum Licences, December 1966:-				
500 gallons or less	...	...	...	28
Over 500 gallons but not more than 1,000 gallons	...	...	...	8
Over 1,000 gallons	...	...	...	5
				—
Total licences issued	...	...	...	41
				—

Testing of Underground Petroleum Storage Tanks

- (a) New tanks installed and which satisfied prescribed test ... 6
(Total capacity of 10,100 gals).
- (b) Existing tanks submitted to pressure re-test and which were found to be satisfactory ... 4
- (c) Tanks disused and removed from site ... 3

Testing of Electrical Equipment

- (d) Test certificates received certifying that electrical equipment in connection with petrol service pumps complied with Constructional Requirements ... 11

14. THE ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963.

Number of premises licensed	1
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15. INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Enquiries in connection with infectious disease	1
Number of visits re disinfection	...	...	...	Nil.

16. HOUSING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS

(a) Number of plans deposited for new houses (72 units)	...	...	...	...	27
(b) Number of plans deposited for other works	...	...	...	...	130
(c) Number of plans rejected	...	...	...	...	Nil
(d) Number of applications received concerning relaxation of certain Regulations	...	...	...	...	1
(e) Inspections carried out in connection with Building Regulations and Planning Acts	...	...	...	...	1776

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1962

(a) Number of applications deposited	...	...	...	180
(b) Number of applications refused	...	...	...	38

The Building Regulations, 1965, came into operation on 1st February and superseded the Building Byelaws. The various implications and radical changes brought about by the Regulations were discussed by the Council and with the increase in the number of statutory inspections to be carried out, the Council appointed a Building Inspector, who took up his duties on 1st April, 1966.

17. SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS MADE

General Sanitation

Water Supply	...	...	...	...	28
Drainage	...	...	...	...	180
Piggeries	...	...	...	...	12
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	50
Petroleum Installations	...	...	...	...	43
Factories	...	...	...	...	21
Refuse Disposal and Collection	...	...	...	...	142
Clean Air	...	...	...	...	2
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	...	...	...	...	5
Sewerage and Sewage Disposal	...	...	...	...	610
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	...	...	...	...	67
					1,160

Housing

Housing inspections, visits, etc. for purpose of Housing Acts, Public Health Acts, Improvement Grants and other miscellaneous visits	683
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Food

Slaughterhouse visits	116	
Food Hygiene (Shops)	116	
(Canteens)	1	
(Dairies)	2	
(Fishmongers)	3	
(Street Vendors)	4	
Sampling	6	248

Building

Visits and inspections for the purpose of the Building Regulations and Town and Country Planning Acts	1,776	
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	3,867	
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SECTION D.

The following table shows the number of houses erected by the Council during the post war years:—

Erection of Post War Council Houses up to December 1966

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Houses</i>	<i>Bungalows</i>	<i>Total Completed</i>	<i>Under Construction</i>
Adstock	16	—	16	—
Akeley	16	—	16	—
Beachampton	10	—	10	—
Biddlesden	4	—	4	—
Charndon	10	2	12	—
Chetwode	4	—	4	—
Edgcott	8	—	8	—
Hillesden	10	—	10	—
Leckhampstead	4	—	4	—
Lillingstone Lovell	4	—	4	—
Maids Moreton	24	5	29	—
Marsh Gibbon	28	2	30	8
Middle Claydon	4	—	4	—
Padbury	30	4	34	—
Poundon	3	—	3	—
Preston Bissett	17	2	19	—
Radclive-cum-Chackmore	4	—	4	—
Steeple Claydon... ..	62	45	107	16
Stowe	4	2	6	—
Thornborough	22	—	22	—
Thornton	4	—	4	—
Tingewick	54	20	74	—
Turweston	6	—	6	—
Twyford	28	4	32	—
Water Stratford	—	4	4	—
Westbury	17	—	17	—
Total	393	90	483	24

Total number of Council dwellings erected and occupied during the year 18

Total number of Council dwellings under construction at 31.12.66. 24

Total number of houses built and owned by the Council—Pre-War 299: Post-War 483 ... 782

Building Programme.

The negotiated price for 16 of the dwellings included in the 1st Year Programme was given approval by

the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and by the end of the year all of the 24 dwellings included in this programme were in various stages of construction.

Private Enterprise Housing

Erection of Post War Houses by Private Enterprise up to December 1966

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Houses</i>	<i>Bungalows</i>	<i>Total Completed</i>	<i>Under Construction</i>	<i>By Other Authorities</i>
Addington	1	—	1	—	
Akeley	3	7	10	3	
Adstock	32	1	33	1	
Barton Hartshorne ...	—	1	1	—	
Beachampton	4	2	6	1	
Biddlesden	5	2	7	—	
Charndon	3	13	16	—	
Chetwode	—	1	1	—	
Edgcott	1	1	2	—	
Foxcote	—	1	1	—	
Hillesden	2	1	3	1	
Leckhampstead	1	1	2	—	
Lillingstone Dayrell ...	5	—	5	—	
Lillingstone Lovell ...	—	2	2	—	
Maids Moreton	43	15	58	2	
Marsh Gibbon	16	8	24	6	
Middle Claydon	2	—	2	—	
Padbury	18	2	20	1	
Poundon	6	—	6	—	
Preston Bissett	—	3	3	1	
Radclive-cum-Chackmore	7	2	9	—	
Shalstone	1	2	3	—	
Steeple Claydon... ..	16	17	33	15	
Stowe	20	7	27	—	
Thornborough	14	9	23	3	1
Thornton	—	2	2	—	
Tingewick	1	25	26	1	
Turweston	2	1	3	—	
Twyford	3	4	7	2	
Water Stratford... ..	1	3	4	—	
Westbury	11	4	15	—	
Total	218	137	355	37	1

Total number of houses erected and occupied during the year 1966	...	...	...	...	69
Houses erected by other Authorities and occupied during 1966	...	...	...	...	Nil
Total number of private enterprise dwellings erected since 1945	...	...	...	...	355
Total number of dwellings erected by other Authorities since 1945	...	...	...	...	14

Improvement of Existing Council Houses.

During the year hot water systems were installed in 13 houses and conversion works for the provision of bathrooms, etc. were completed in respect of a further 11 houses.

Contracts were let for the provision of bathrooms, internal w.c., etc., in a further 10 houses and work commenced during the latter part of the year.

Provision of Garages.

13 pre-fabricated concrete garages were erected during the year.

Unfit Houses.

INSPECTION AND ACTION DURING THE YEAR

1. Number of Houses found to be in a state unfit for habitation	...	...	...	...	8
2. Number of Houses included in (1) and upon which a Demolition Order was made (Section 17 of Housing Act 1957)	...	...	...	...	6
3. Number of Houses included in (1) and upon which action was deferred	...	...	...	...	2
4. Number of Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined following satisfactory repair and improvement (Section 27 of Housing Act, 1957)	...	...	...	...	1
5. Number of Houses in respect of which Statutory Notice to repair was served (Section 9 Housing Act, 1957)	...	...	...	...	1
6. Number of Houses demolished as a result of action during the year and previous years	...	...	...	...	17

Overcrowding.

There were no cases of overcrowding reported during the year.

IMPROVEMENT OF DWELLINGS.

Discretionary Improvement Grants.

Six applications in respect of six dwellings were received during the year, all of which received approval. Two of these were in respect of tenanted houses.

The total amount of grant aid approved amounted to £2,001, an average of £333 10s. 0d. per dwelling.

Total number of dwellings improved to date ... 191

Standards Improvement Grants.

Twelve applications were received during the year to improve 12 dwellings to the full standard and all were approved.

The total amount of grant aid approved amounted to £1,820 (maximum).

There were no applications in respect of improvements to the reduced standard.

Total number of dwellings improved to date ... 60

SECTION E.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

MILK

Reports were received from the Food and Drugs Authority regarding the existence of brucella infection in two dairy herds.

In both cases it was ascertained that milk produced at the farms in question was being sold to a pasteuriser and the producers were advised to call in the Veterinary Surgeon to carry out investigation and ring test.

Number of Dairies registered 1

(These premises were unoccupied throughout the year)

All dealers' licences, other than those issued by the Ministry, are issued by the County Council as the Food and Drugs Authority.

A complaint concerning a dirty milk bottle was received by the Department. Upon examination it was noted that there were numerous lightish, brown, spots which appeared to be insects, on the interior surface of the bottle. The bottle was securely sealed with an aluminium foil cap.

The Chief Inspectors' Department was advised of the complaint and arrangements were made for the bottle to be collected and submitted for examination by the Public Analyst.

A report was received from the Chief Inspector in which it was stated that after much deliberation, his department had decided not to prosecute but to forward a strong letter of criticism to the supplier.

The chief reasons for not proceeding with a prosecution being:—

- (a) the Analyst had identified the objects, which were the pupae of the fruit fly (17 in number). These were extremely difficult to move and it was thought impossible for ordinary bottle washing techniques to wash them off when, in fact, the Analyst had moved them only by the use of an instrument.

- (b) it was noted that whilst the insects could be seen from one side of the bottle, looking from the reverse side gave no trace of their presence;
- (c) the complainant was an ex-employee of the firm.

ICE CREAM

One application was received during the year for the registration of premises under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the storage and sale of ice cream. The Council agreed to registration of the premises.

Total number of retailers on register	...	...	56
Inspections	...	...	9

Samples of ice cream have been taken from premises serving ice cream to the public. These samples were sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Oxford, for bacteriological examination by the methylene blue reduction test and were graded as follows:—

Provisional Grade I	...	...	...	4
Provisional Grade II	...	...	...	1
Provisional Grade III	...	...	...	Nil
Provisional Grade IV	...	...	...	Nil

This test affords a simple means for the grading of the bacteriological cleanliness of ice cream.

COMPLAINT

A complaint was received by the Department concerning a packet of sweets purchased from a delivery van.

The sweets were sold in a pre-packed cellophane packet and the complaint arose from the fact that one of the pastille type sweets had a three inch long brush bristle embedded in it.

After receiving a letter of explanation from the manufacturers of the sweets concerning their methods of production and inspection procedure, the Council requested the firm to tighten up their final inspection arrangements.

MEAT AND SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations 1966 came into force on 30th September and enable Local Authorities to restrict the hours of slaughtering in private slaughterhouses. Before doing so, Local Authorities are required to consult the occupier and any persons who carry out slaughtering in the slaughterhouse and also notify the occupier and such persons of the times of slaughter which have been fixed. There is a right of appeal to the Minister who may direct Local Authorities to vary times fixed by them.

The Regulations also change certain details in the meat inspection procedure, and prohibit the use of the colour green in the marking of carcasses.

During the year a total of 1,310 animals was slaughtered for meat in the two licensed private slaughterhouses in the district. Once again 100% inspection of the meat after slaughter was carried out. There was a decrease in numbers of animals killed.

It is with every satisfaction that I have to report for the sixth year in succession that no cases of tuberculosis were found in adult cattle slaughtered during the year.

There were no cases of localised cysticercosis.

Out of a total of 329 pigs slaughtered, 4 were found to be affected with localized tuberculosis. The percentage of the carcasses inspected, affected by tuberculosis, was 1.22 as compared with 1.98 the previous year.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or part:

	<i>Cattle excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Horses</i>
Number killed ...	136	—	—	845	329	—
Number inspected	136	—	—	845	329	—
<i>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</i>						
Whole carcases condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	78	—	—	145	63	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci ...	57.35	—	—	17.16	19.15	—
<i>Tuberculosis only.</i>						
Whole carcases condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	4	—
Percentage of the inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	1.22	—
<i>Cysticercosis</i>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and tot- ally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

Parts or Organs condemned are classified as follows :

	<i>Veal</i>	<i>Beef</i>	<i>Pork</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Total</i>
Whole Carcase ...	—	—	—	—	—
Plucks ...	—	—	—	—	—
Livers ...	—	74	38	142	254
Heads and Tongues	—	—	3	—	3
Hearts ...	—	—	7	8	15
Lungs ...	—	6	32	10	48
Part carcase ...	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous ...	—	1	2	2	5

Approximate Total Weight 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 13½ lbs.

Number of licensed slaughterhouses	...	...	2
Visits to slaughterhouses	...	...	108
Visits to Butchers' shops	...	...	112
Number of licensed slaughtermen	.....	...	8

FOOD PREMISES

The premises coming within the purview of the Regulations are summarised as follows:—

School Canteens	...	...	...	...	16
Private School Kitchens	...	...	...	...	5
Factory Canteens	...	...	...	...	1
Licensed Clubs	...	...	...	...	5
Licensed Public Houses	...	...	...	...	34
Mobile Fish and Chip Vans	...	...	...	...	1
Shops—General Stores	...	...	...	...	39
Butchers	...	...	...	...	7
Bakers	...	...	...	...	1
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	3
Total					112

A total of 141 visits and inspections was carried out at these premises during the year.

The standard of hygiene and cleanliness in the majority of the premises is reasonably good.

Food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955 are classified as follows:—

Ice Cream (registered for storage and sale) ...	55
Ice Cream (registered for manufacture using complete cold mix)	1
Mobile Vans (for frying fish and chips)	1
Manufacture of Sausages	7

KNACKERS YARDS

There are no licensed Knackers Yards in the district.

DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD.

All butchers' meat and other foods condemned as unfit are disposed of by burial under the control of the Department.

FOOD POISONING

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

BAKEHOUSES

Number on register	1
Number of visits	1
Contravention of regulations	Nil

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